



Ashram Communities lived in:	Washington, DC, Herndon, VA, Mussoorie, Dehradun, Amritsar India, Espanola and Santa Fe, NM
3HO/Sikh Dharma Community Positions:	Current <u>SSSC</u> board member, KIIT board member, former staff at MPA, GM SDEI

Questionnaire

1. Why do you feel called to serve on the SSSC Board?

Serving on the SSSC board the past two years have been incredibly challenging. We have attempted to navigate very difficult circumstances and a polarized community. My goal has always been to find a way forward that serves all elements of the community, and to provide healing to those who need, and want, it from us. The decisions we made have not all been popular, and some have exposed me and my family to unwarranted and false attacks on us from people who disagree with the direction we have taken. The remaining work will continue to be challenging and hard.

I ultimately chose to stand as a candidate for this board because I strongly believe the following:

1. Our obligation is to the truth, even when it is complicated and messy. Perhaps particularly then. This is why we have greeted each other with “Sat Nam” for so many years.
2. My obligation, given by Guru Gobind Singh, is to stand up for others, and offer what protection and support I can. This obligation does not only apply to people who look, act or believe like me, it applies to all. If elected, I intend to continue to try to meet that obligation.
3. The work that remains, while hard, is worth doing and I believe we will emerge stronger as a community for it, presuming we are able to find a path forward that is focused on our shared values as Sikhs and yogis.
4. The example of Bhai Kanhaiya, who served all, no matter their background, is